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COUNTRY East Germany

REPORT

TOPIC Parchim Airfield

EVALUATION

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DATE OF CONTENT

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DATE PREPARED

23 September 1953

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REFERENCES

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ENCLOSURES (NO. & TYPE)

REMARKS

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1. On 24 July 1953, the designs for the third construction stage of Parchim airfield were turned over to Lieutenant Colonel Streltsov (fmu) of the air force construction headquarters in Werder. The designs concerned the erection of 40 aircraft revetments of which only 12 will be built for the time being. On 31 July, Lieutenant Colonel Streltsov stated that progress of construction at Parchim airfield suffered from a shortage of stone chips. He blamed the Soviet construction headquarters in Leipzig for the situation because this headquarters sent all the stone chips available to construction sites controlled by it.¹

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3. At the Soviet construction headquarters in Werder, Captain Smirnov (fmu) had been promoted to the rank of major. He was engaged in negotiations with two gentlemen of the Bauunion Waren. he might have been made inspector of one of the construction projects executed by this Bauunion.

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4. From 28 July through 5 August, concreting work was done by Bauunion Spree on the taxiways and the runway of the field. Three concrete mixing machines were in operation. No construction work on aircraft revetments, hangars or quartering facilities was observed. A small detail of Soviet Air Force was stationed at the field, which was surrounded partly by a board fence and partly by a barbed-wire fence. The former air force settlement outside the field, which was surrounded by a two-meter board fence, was unoccupied but guarded by three civilians.

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5. On 8 August, a portion of the field was turned over to civilian administration for use by the VP.

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1. [redacted] **Comment.** Construction work at Parchim airfield continued. The completion date for the project has not yet been fixed. Colonel Streletsov is chief of the designs department at the Soviet construction headquarters in Werder. He was also charged with the improvement of Brand and Werneuchen airfields. Major Smirnov was previously known as being attached to the construction headquarters in Werder.

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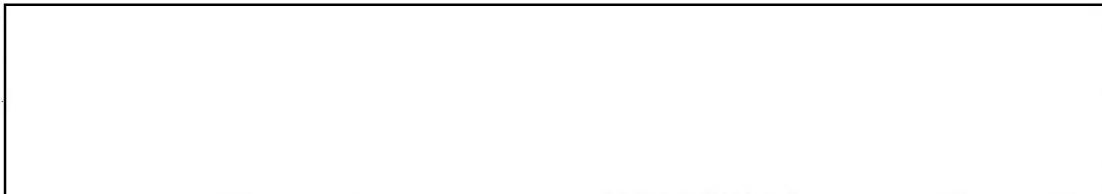
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